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(SBU) Econoff demarched Ministry of Industry and Trade (MIT) EU Department Director Lucie Sestakova April 25 on the USG decision to keep the Czech Republic on the Special 301 Watch List. She was not surprised by the news, and acknowledged that the Czechs had not made any drastic improvements to the IPR situation at the border markets since the Czech Republic was elevated to the Watch List in January. Post will meet with Sestakova to ask for her strategy on the current Czech action plan, including devloping a concrete timeline as well as considering additional U.S. IPR action plan suggestions. Graber